READING COMPREHENSION

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REVISION NOTES

TYPES OF PASSAGES

History

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Science

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Economics and business

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Read more articles on these topics.

TYPES OF QUESTIONS: PRIMARY PURPOSE

1 Gist of every paragraph → 2 Connection between paragraphs (flow) → 3 Main topic: what most of the passage, and every paragraph, covers → 4 Informative or opinion-based

5 If opinion-based

- **a) Negative** – disapprove, criticise, refute, argue, dismiss
- **b) Positive** – praise, appreciate, approve, support
- **c) Negative and positive** – critique, evaluate, analyse, examine

6 The first line of both the first and the last paragraph.

Avoid: comparisons and extreme language.

DIRECT QUESTION

(According to ...)

1 Read the question.

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2 Pick out the keywords.

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3 Read the location.

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4 Match the meaning.

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5 Eliminate options based on text above or below the location.

Avoid extreme language (only, always, never and superlatives).

INDIRECT QUESTION

Imply / infer / suggest / exemplify

1 Understand the question.

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2 Use the hint or location in the question.

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3 Think, and form a prediction.

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4 Eliminate at least two options.

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5 Select the most relevant option.

IMPORTANT LOCATIONS

1 The first and last lines of every paragraph.

2 Keep flow and connection in mind.

3 Highlighted location

- a) Quotation marks
- b) A hyphen or dash
- c) Bold or italics
- d) For example, for instance

4 Negative location

On the other hand, except, rarely, however, unfortunately, but, whereas, in spite of, despite, etc.

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